Recruitment of Work Establishment hands in the P. W. D.

85. *MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total strength of work establishment members in the P. W. D.; and

(*b*) the principle now followed in their recruitment ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): (*a*) 2348.

(*b*) In the case of technical staff the passing of technical subjects in Civil Engineering and in the case of non-technical staff E. S. L. C. with eligibility for college admission is being insisted on.

MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR: May I know the number of Nadars in the work establishment branch ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: I have not got the statistics of community.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether a good portion of the work establishment members have been assisting in the office work from the inception of this department,

PRESIDENT: Unfortunately yes. I have now discovered that

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: Quite a lot of men from the work establishment have been acting as the 5th wheel in a coach

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Then, may I know whether any circular has been issued quite recently in the department for sending out these people from office work ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: They have been asked to do work for which their pay is charged.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR (*Karunagapally* cum *Karungapalli*): May I know how long is it since the honourable member has taken up the new appointment ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: That information was published in the papers.

MR. P. S. MUHAMED (*Nominated*): May I know from the member the principle followed in the recruitment from among the work establishment branch to the regular service in the department.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: I am collecting statistics on the subject. I have not made a decision on it.

Bridge at Peringara.

86. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any representation from the public has been submitted to Government or the Chief Engineer praying for the early construction of a bridge at Peringara in the Tiruvalla taluk; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken thereon ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Steps have been taken for the acquisition of the land required for the work and a recast estimate is being prepared.

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